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CPEC Undertakes Critical Community College Planning Effort

SACRAMENTO — December 1, 2005 — The [December 6-7, 2005](#), meeting of the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) will feature a close look at how community colleges can provide better services to rural and underserved areas within their districts. The vehicle for the discussion is the proposed conversion of the Woodland Educational Center to a full-service community college in the Yuba Community College District.

CPEC Executive Director Murray Haberman observed that, “The high concentration of people in California’s cities have clearly caused some rural areas to be underserved. We have to figure out how to provide opportunity and access for all Californians -- not just those within easy range of a campus.”

Other items to be discussed at the Commission meeting include:

- A report on the regional differences in eligibility for students attending the University of California and California State University. The question under study is whether students may be disadvantaged in their ability to access California’s public four-year universities due to such regional differences as academic preparation and income.
- A discussion by CPEC Commissioner Lance Izumi and Xiaochin Claire Yan, coauthors of *Free to Learn: Lessons from Model Charter Schools*, on how the charter school movement has impacted critical areas such as curriculum, school management, and governance.

As previously announced, the meeting will also include a presentation by Governor Schwarzenegger’s Secretary of Education Alan Bersin. Bersin will speak about the Administration’s views and priorities for higher education in California.

The California Postsecondary Education Commission advises the Governor and Legislature on higher education policy and fiscal issues. The Commission’s primary focus is to ensure that the state’s educational resources are used effectively to provide Californians with postsecondary education opportunities.

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December 6, 2005

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2005

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9:30 a.m.

Roll Call

Approval of the Minutes of the September 6-7, 2005, Meeting



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Approval of the Nominating Committee Minutes of the September 6, 2005, Meeting



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Report of the Chair, Howard Welinsky

The Chair will discuss issues of interest to the Commission.

Report of the Nominating Committee, Alan S. Arkatov, *Chair*

At the Commission meeting on September 6, the Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of officers for 2006:

- *Commission Chairperson*: Howard Welinsky
- *Commission Vice Chairperson*: Olivia K. Singh
- *Nominating Committee Chairperson*: Hugo Morales; Lance T. Izumi and Faye Washington, *Members*
- *Committee on Education Code Section 66905 Chairperson*: Lance T. Izumi

Action on this item will permit the new officers to assume their responsibilities on January 1, 2006.

Recommended Action: Commission election of the slate of nominees.

Proposed 2006 Commission Meeting Dates

([in PDF format](#))

Chair Welinsky will present the proposed 2006 meeting dates for Commission consideration.

Recommended Action: Commission approval of the proposed 2006 meeting dates.

Report of the Executive Director, Murray J. Haberman

The Director will discuss issues of current interest including recent community college bond passage information and an opinion survey about CPEC publications.

Presentation by Marilyn McGrath, California Commission on Teacher Credentialing

Ms. McGrath will report on teacher credentialing issues and her role as CPEC representative on the Commission.

Report of the Statutory Advisory Committee, Robert Oakes, *Chair*

Mr. Oakes will report on the Statutory Advisory Committee meeting held on November 30, 2005.

Improving Teacher Quality State Grants Program Update, December 2005

([in PDF format](#))

This report describes the recent Request for Proposals process and provides information on the new Improving Teacher Quality projects that have been funded in the 2005 cycle. *Presenter*: [Karen Humphrey](#).

Lunch

Commissioners will recess for lunch.

1:30 p.m.

Review of a Proposal to Convert the Woodland Educational Center to a Full-Service Community College

([in PDF format](#))

This item provides a preliminary analysis of a proposal by the Yuba Community College District to convert the Woodland Educational Center to a full-service community college. *Presenter*: [Stacy Wilson](#).

Regional Differences in University Eligibility

[\(in PDF format\)](#)

This fact sheet describes progress on a staff project examining data from the Commission's recent eligibility study to determine whether regional variations in eligibility are the result of regional differences in income and school performance, or whether they are driven by genuine cultural or regional differences. *Presenter:* [Adrian Griffin](#).

High School Academic Performance Index (API) as a Predictor of University Eligibility

[\(in PDF format\)](#)

This report examines the strength of a school's Academic Performance Index (API) as a predictor of a student's eligibility for UC or CSU by using a statistical model. The report also describes the correlation between increases in API and eligibility rates of various ethnic groups. *Presenter:* [Jessika Nobles](#).

Analysis of Student Enrollment Data

[\(in PDF format\)](#)

This item presents initial analysis of data collected on student enrollment pursuant to Assembly Bill 1570. It is not included in the agenda packet but will be distributed at the Commission meeting. *Presenter:* [Adrian Griffin](#).

Presentation by Lance T. Izumi and Xiaochin Claire Yan

Co-authors Lance Izumi and Xiaochin Claire Yan will discuss the findings contained in their book *Free to Learn: Lessons from Model Charter Schools*. Topics to be discussed include curriculum and standards issues, testing issues, teacher quality and professional development, and school management and governance.

4:30 p.m.

Adjournment

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2005

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9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Governmental Relations Update, December 2005

([in PDF format](#))

This item will summarize final actions on State legislation and recent federal Higher Education Reauthorization Act activities. *Presenter:* [Greg Gollihur](#).

A Contextual Examination of Education and Workforce Development in California

([in PDF format](#))

This report provides background and context on the interaction between higher education and workforce development and summarizes the various systems and programs involved. *Presenters:* [Ryan Clark](#) and [Karen Humphrey](#).

10:00 a.m.

Presentation by Alan D. Bersin, Secretary for Education

Mr. Bersin will discuss issues concerning higher education accountability, workforce development, and initiatives being considered by Governor Schwarzenegger.

11:00 a.m.

Proposed Changes in State Oversight of Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education

([in PDF format](#))

This paper presents the history of the oversight of private postsecondary education in California and includes a description of recommended changes to the regulatory process. It also contains a listing of reports, reviews and audits of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education. *Presenter:* [Marge Chisholm](#).

Other Business

Executive Session

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(8), the California Postsecondary Education Commission will meet in closed session to discuss personnel matters.

11:30 a.m.

Adjournment

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